



## ROTC--Past, Present, Future

By Steve Settle

With the advent of the current-scheduled May 22 parade, the Marine Corps Junior ROTC program at Grimsley will have by-and-large

### EDITORIALS '70-'71

By Jeff Fenn

Next year the readers of *High Life* will find several changes in the editorial page.

Most significant will be a change in approach. So far this year *High Life* has gained a reputation of being generally anti-everything—antistudent council, anti-School Beautiful anti-library. Next year we hope to take a more positive view of things. We plan to be pro-student cooperation, pro-environmental control, and pro-student-faculty communication. This does not mean that we will cease our cynicism toward out-dated traditionalism; nor does it mean we will not continue to question administration policy with which we take issue. We will merely aim our cynicisms and questions toward a positive plane.

In regard to editorials and the editorial staff, there will be a change one might less readily notice. This year most of the unsigned editorial copy has been the work of individuals representing the entire staff. Next year, in every paper, there will be an editorial which will be the product of the entire staff, with the members working together to create a union of ideas. (Therefore, when the editorial "we" is used, it will mean just that.)

It is also planned to include one editorial in each paper concerning national issues such as the war in Southeast Asia, the draft, and poverty. While there is little a high school newspaper can do to affect these issues, we can affect opinion in our school concerning these issues.

We hope to have a bigger and better cartooning staff for the next year. The cartoonists will no longer be, for the most part, limited to cartoons concerning editorials on the page.

As in most major papers, they will be autonomous. A good political cartoon despite what it concerns, is probably more influential than the most precise editorial because it presents an opinion in a subtle and generally condensed fashion. Therefore, we will try to do so.

completed its second year. As a student of the course, I have been asked to express my beliefs and opinions concerning the past present, and future growth of the program, its achievements, and areas in which progress should be and, I trust, will be made.

What makes a student-freshman, sophomore, junior, decide to give JROTC a try in the coming year? The administration, instructors, and cadet corps know that, on behalf of the greatest majority of applicants, it is the desire to be the part of and identify with an organization whose reputation is an historic one of honorable entrustments and responsibilities, and an organization that hopes for a great future. The candidate should believe that he has something to contribute for betterment of the program. This means leadership, the chief purpose of JROTC. Few leaders are born, but many men have the desire to try and hope. On the negative side, the "squarehead" who is looking for a "crip," like to play soldier well enough, but gives up when the work comes through to him, such few had better stick to their GI Joe footlockers and Sgt. Rock comics. As in any mass endeavor, success boils down to the individual. Failure ultimately will, also.

A good program depends on the cadets—next year more than ever before. The course will enter Military Training III, the last in the series, and completion of the first full agendum. Each cadet must strive to lead, make the decisions, or at least be willing to accept the large responsibility of relaying command. Upon this rests the achievements of JROTC at Grimsley, and it is this direction that evident progress should be made each term, each time the opportunity arises, for the good of the unit and pride of the cadet. Mistakes come, but Colonel Booker and Sergeant Zales are always on hand, observing, ready to give advice, a pat on the back, or a kick in the end, for those who need or deserve either.

It is not the purpose of this article to expound upon personalities, examples, or instances which have affected the program here at GHS. I feel that an effective JROTC must be, and is, a definite asset to the school and the community, and a boon to developing self-confidence and potential character in a person.

## School Beautiful, YRC Re-evaluated

By Meredith Foltz

As the school year draws to a close, many school organizations must submit to evaluation or re-evaluation. Two organizations now due for their annual spring review are School Beautification and the Youth Recreation Committee.

First, School Beautification is to be commended for altering their approach for securing student support. Second, School Beautiful is to be commended for the job they have done in view of the size of Grimsley's littering population. If the inconsiderate students who place empty milk cartons in the gutter of the walkway cover beside the auditorium would refrain from such clever tricks, the members of School Beautiful would have one less concern. In other words, the prime responsibility as always, lies with the students. School Beautiful needs the cooperation, not the competition, of students.

Although it was not an "advertisement" for School Beautiful, the Earth Day assembly on ecology did, by the fact that it was arranged by School Beautiful co-chairman Miles Thompson, suggest a definite connection between anti-pollution efforts on and beyond Grimsley's campus. Our school would be as good a place as any to begin fighting pollution.

Once again because of student

apathy, a Grimsley organization has suffered some failures. YRC offered open houses to students during the football season, but one or two of those dances never took place because of lack of interest. Hopefully, YRC will be separate from student council next year, as was frequently proposed during our recent elections. Hopefully, too, the Committee will broaden its range of projects and sponsor some events other than dances.

This brief re-evaluation of School Beautiful and YRC will, ideally, help members of those organizations realize and review their past problems and plan for future problems.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The final issue of *High Life* will be issued on Thursday, May 28, 1970. This issue will be an unprecedented eight-page issue—a first for *High Life* since it went weekly. In this issue will be results of the poll taken on May 13, where seniors are going next year, Last Wills and Testaments, year-end sports' reviews, and final evaluations by senior editorialists of the staff. This eight-page paper will be the last *High Life* to be distributed during the school year. Watch for it!

## Letters To The Editor

Open Letter to Student Body:

In comparing the totals of the first and second elections at Grimsley, one notices a striking similarity. The total number of votes was nearly the same, and for the candidates other than president, the amounts were nearly identical. So one would assume that virtually the same people voted, and that the tally for the first election was really accurate. The question then arises; what caused Craig Fox to win by seventeen votes in the first election, and to lose by over one-hundred votes in the second.

First of all, there were 157 votes in the first election that apparently should not have been there. But on second look, I think there is room to question how this figure was arrived at in the first place. For example, if there was only one check in the book of registered votes beside a person's name, there was no uniform way of telling for "being cool". I personally think whether that vote was cast in the primary or the final election. Also with the confusion surrounding the voting places, it is not only conceivable, but in fact probable that many legitimate ballots were simply not checked off on the registration sheets. So the question arises; who is to blame?

The center of the blame, I think, lies in the hands of the election committee, who admittedly did a terrible job. They should have originally made plans to insure a fair and accurate election. The press is also to blame, I think, because of their putting the election in the public eye, and making the contest between a black and a white, instead of between Craig and Joe. I think this tended to bother the students here more than anything,

which brings me to my final point.

Last week, an article appeared in *High Life* praising the students the students over-reacted to rumors, and changed their votes under the impression that G.H.S. would burn if the "black guy" lost. Craig Fox won the first election, regardless of the way it was handled. Craig Fox was beaten in the second election not because it was handled well, but because there was a second election.

Marc Eppley (Class of '70)

### TRAGEDY DEPLORED

The event which happened at Kent State was a terrible tragedy. I can see no justification for the National Guard to have shot at any student. I also feel that there should be further amounts of investigation to find the person or persons guilty of this crime. Let me explain why I have come to this conclusion: the National Guard was poorly equipped, only having mace or guns. They are trained for riot procedure and didn't carry out the professional job which should have been taken. They could have used billy clubs, shields or other less violent weapons. The National Guard is not trained to kill but to disable. This was not done. Also, if the rumor is true about there being a sniper, why did the Guardsmen shoot directly into the crowd, not giving any consideration whom they might shot? Brig. General Robert Canterbury, the commander of the Guard troops, on the campus said, "No warning was given to the students that the troops would shoot." We are not on a battlefield. We are losing too many lives in Southeast Asia to continue the slaughter here. The majority of students at Kent State and all over the U. S. campus' are trying to stop the senseless killings. Only a minority are violent. We must all stop and hear them, not only to save this country, but to save ourselves.

—Vickie Topkins



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